

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** April 25, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Central Detention Facility  
Monitoring Amendment Act of 2003"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. **The proposed legislation would result in \$100,000 in additional expenditures for the District in FY 2004, and a total of approximately \$309,000 in FY 2004 through FY 2006.** No costs would be incurred in FY 2003.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would require the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide all internal reports on the environmental conditions in the Central Detention Facility to the Council on a quarterly basis. It also would require the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct environmental inspections of the Facility at least three times per year and issue those reports to Council within 30 days of completion.

According to counsel at DOH, by implication, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) would also be required to assist with the environmental inspections required by the proposed legislation. DOH is not qualified to conduct the building code inspections and the related portions of the report. This interpretation assumes that the Council desires to continue to receive the content of the reports required by federal oversight. Should this not be the case, such that the required report content would be limited to DOH qualified inspections.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation would result in \$100,000 in additional expenditures for the District in FY 2004, and a total of approximately \$309,000 in FY 2004 through FY 2006. No additional costs would be incurred in FY 2003 because the costs associated with continued inspections are part of current budgeted expenditures for FY 2003.

The Department of Health would incur \$100,000 in unbudgeted expenditures in FY 2004 to implement the proposed legislation. These costs are the result of personal (PS) and non-personal services (NPS) costs to comply with the bill's inspection and reporting requirements. DOH would be required to incur unbudgeted PS costs to hire a health inspector, supervise the inspector and to incur unbudgeted NPS costs to purchase necessary supplies for the health inspector. The PS costs assume fringe benefits and an increase for inflation of 3 percent in each year beginning in FY 2005, and the NPS costs assume 3 percent inflation beginning in FY 2005. These costs are detailed in the table below.

The implicit building code inspection and reporting requirements could result in requirements for DCRA as discussed above; however, DCRA could perform the required duties with existing resources. There is no cost estimated to result from DOC providing internal facility reports on a quarterly basis to the Council.

<b>Estimated Impact to the Financial Plan</b>					
	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>4-Year Total</b>
PS Costs:					
Health Inspector (12/7)	\$0	\$77,321	\$79,641	\$82,030	\$238,991
Supervision	\$0	\$12,679	\$13,059	\$13,451	\$39,190
NPS Costs	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,609	\$30,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$103,000</b>	<b>\$106,090</b>	<b>\$309,090</b>